

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An anamorphic prism according to the invention comprises a first prism 2 made of a first light transmitting material and a second prism 3 made of a second light transmitting material, the first prism and the second prism being bonded together along predetermined respective planes thereof, the light beam entering the first prism being expanded or compressed in a particular direction of cross section of the light beam with a predetermined magnification, the expanded or compressed light beam being let to exit from the second prism 3 and proceed in a direction substantially same as the proceeding direction of the incident light beam entering the first prism 2. There are provided an anamorphic prism that can easily modify the intensity distribution of the light beam on the recording medium and allow the device comprising it to operate for signal recording/reproduction in optimal conditions without significantly increasing the dimensions of the device as well as an optical head and an optical recording/reproduction device comprising such an anamorphic prism that are small and can be manufactured with a high manufacturing efficiency.